

non-profits, assembled a high-caliber, professional staff, and created extraordinary initiatives such as the Boettcher Teachers Program.

Sadly, Ms. Volpe has decided that the time has come for her to leave the PEBC. Her dedication and commitment to her community serve as an inspiration to others in the field.

I ask my colleagues today to join me in thanking Ms. Barbara Volpe for her outstanding leadership and service. She certainly deserves our utmost appreciation. Her presence at PEBC will surely be missed.

TRIBUTE TO PRIVATE FIRST  
CLASS RYAN MARTIN

**HON. RALPH REGULA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2004*

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a committed soldier and citizen from the 16th District of Ohio who died protecting our Nation. Private First Class Ryan Martin died when a bomb exploded while he was on a mine clearing mission with the 216th Engineering Battalion of the Ohio National Guard.

A graduate of Mount Vernon High School and of the carpentry program at the Knox County Career Center in Mount Vernon, Ohio, Pfc. Martin enjoyed fishing and working on cars and had a tremendous sense of humor. After his tour, he planned to either operate heavy equipment or help his father on the family farm.

Pfc. Ryan acted as vital part of his unit in Iraq, often volunteering for dangerous missions. His bravery and service were an inspiration to his fellow soldiers and to us all. Ryan embodied all that is great about our Nation. Without young men and women like him, our Nation would fall.

I send my most heartfelt prayers and sympathies to his family and friends. I pray for the homecoming of all of our service men and women and remember them as they continue to defend our freedom at home and abroad.

IN HONOR OF PVT RYAN MICHAEL  
MCCAULEY

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2004*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Pvt Ryan Michael McCauley, who was killed while defending our Nation on September 5, 2004 in Sadr City, Iraq.

For the past year, Private McCauley has rendered faithful, conscientious, and valuable services to the U.S. Army and to the United States of America. Private McCauley will be remembered for his commendable service and dedication to this great Nation.

Private McCauley was a native of Lewisville, TX and a recent graduate of Lewisville High School. At Lewisville High the future soldier was an amiable and trustworthy student, who left behind many close friends. On September 11, family, friends, students, and school administration attended a ceremony at the school in tribute to their former classmate and fallen soldier.

Private McCauley joined the Army after graduating in 2002 where he faithfully served our Nation in the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry regiment, 1st Cavalry Division.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of this young American hero.

HONORING HABITAT FOR HUMANITY  
OF CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2004*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Habitat for Humanity of Chester County, Pennsylvania's 15th Anniversary. For fifteen years, they have provided basic, well-built, affordable housing for low-income families and for those in need. Habitat for Humanity has made countless contributions to our community and, for that, they should be commended.

Habitat for Humanity is an organization that not only builds homes, but it also builds hope for those less fortunate. In turn, it gives those people in need a sense of dignity and of independence. This program is known for developing partnerships within the community and for its involvement in the promotion of Christian values. This great organization is led and sustained by volunteers of all faiths and it prides itself on serving all low-income families regardless of race, religion, culture, or gender.

Habitat for Humanity of Chester County began operations in 1986 as a part of the Greater Philadelphia Habitat for Humanity. Shortly afterwards in 1988, Chester County became a separate affiliate after completing its first home. Today, Habitat for Humanity of Chester County is one of six affiliates in the Delaware Valley and one of 1,600 United States affiliates of Habitat for Humanity International.

Since 1988, Habitat for Humanity Chester County has built 58 homes and refurbished an additional seven properties in the area. In 2003, the organization began construction on eleven new homes in Chester County. Eight of these homes will be located in the city of Coatesville and three in the borough of Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

Volunteers from the community are a vitally important part of Habitat for Humanity. In 2000 alone, community volunteers in Chester County, Pennsylvania contributed more than 25,000 hours of work on the homes for those less fortunate. Habitat for Humanity brings volunteers and future homeowners in the community together in a positive and productive fashion, putting a face and a name on the issue of affordable housing.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing the outstanding contributions that Habitat for Humanity has made not only in Chester County, Pennsylvania, but for their service to the needy throughout the world.

TRIBUTE TO MARTHA PENNINO

**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2004*

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, on September 17, Fairfax County, Virginia lost one of its most important and influential citizens when Martha Pennino, known as "Mother Fairfax", passed away. Through her leadership, Mrs. Pennino helped oversee the development of Fairfax County into one of the most successful jurisdictions in the Nation.

From 1968 to 1991 Martha Pennino served on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, including 17 years as the Vice Chairman. As the representative of the Centreville District, Mrs. Pennino worked tirelessly for her constituents. During her tenure she was involved in most of the major decisions affecting the County, and was instrumental in seeing Reston develop into a successful planned community. Her work also saw the development of projects including the Dulles Toll Road, South Lakes High School, and the Reston Regional Library. She helped create a sense of community for all those living in her district.

Martha Pennino will best be remembered by the citizens of Fairfax County for her commitment to the poor and homeless in her community. She opened her office at night for people without a home and provided them a bed and a warm place to rest. She created a homeless shelter in her district and ensured that with the enormous development occurring in Fairfax County there would be low-cost housing options for those who needed it. Martha Pennino also helped establish the Fairfax County Human Rights Commission to help fight discrimination throughout the County. While Fairfax County grew, she wanted to ensure that every person could be a part of this vibrant community.

In honor of her work to help all the residents of Fairfax County and for being an instrumental part in the growth of the County, I ask that the Reston Post Office be named after Martha Pennino. It is imperative that we honor and remember this remarkable woman.

HONORING CONTINENTAL NATIONAL BANK FOR 30 YEARS OF  
FINANCIAL SERVICE TO THE  
SOUTH FLORIDA COMMUNITY

**HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 23, 2004*

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Continental National Bank of Miami on their 30th anniversary of operations. Continental National Bank is an established and trusted institution that serves the financial needs of my community.

Continental National Bank was established in 1974 and was the first Cuban-American owned national bank chartered in the United States. It is a full service community bank with six branches in Miami, Hialeah and Sweetwater. The bank offers a variety of personal and commercial services, including residential mortgage lending, small builder construction financing, and online banking services.